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EECBG Grant Helps Make Old Buildings New in Pioche and Caliente

The historic Caliente Depot and Lincoln County Courthouse will be receiving new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems soon thanks to \$940,000 in Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant funds that were allocated to them by the Nevada State Office of Energy (NSOE).

These two buildings serve as the business hubs for their communities. The Caliente Depot houses the city hall and administrative offices, city council chambers, library, a sheriff's substation, mental health, drug rehab, a nuclear waste project office, a beauty salon, art room, a tourism office, a Southern Nevada Community College branch, and more.

"I can't even express the joy I have over this project and how important it is for our community," City of Caliente Mayor Keith Larson said. "It is one of the most successful projects we have ever engaged in and when it is complete, we will have heating and air conditioning like never before."

The Caliente Depot was built in 1923, with no heating or air conditioning system, to serve as a railroad maintenance center at the halfway point between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City. Caliente temperatures range from zero to 100 degrees and many of the employees heat and cool their offices with fans and space heaters. Some even wear blankets to keep warm in the winter.

The new decentralized dependent HVAC system will be completed within two weeks and is expected to reduce the city's energy expenses tremendously, as well as improve the morale of the employees and community members using the facility.

"It is so rewarding to see the excitement created in these communities," NSOE Director Stacey Crowley added. "These improvements will make these historic Nevada buildings much more comfortable and will greatly improve the energy efficiency, resulting in continued savings."

Lincoln County was allocated \$675,000 for new HVAC systems in their courthouse and detention center. An inefficient HVAC system will be removed from the detention center and new one installed in mid-June that will increase efficiency by 33 percent.

An old diesel boiler, steam heating system, individual office heaters, and window mounted air conditioning units in the Lincoln County Courthouse will be replaced by an HVAC system in mid-July that is similar to the one Caliente is installing. Energy savings are expected to be 32 to 38

percent per year. They currently pay \$800 a month for diesel and \$1,200 a year to maintain the old system.

The Lincoln County Courthouse, built in 1938, houses the Seventh Judicial Court, along with the city assessor, recorder/auditor, sheriff, treasurer, district attorney, county clerk, emergency management, juvenile probation, building and planning, public health, water district, and more.

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Photo #1 Cutline: A new HVAC system will be installed at the historic Caliente Depot, one of the most photographed buildings in Nevada because of its significant role in railroad history and Mission Revival architecture.



Photo #2 Cutline: The Lincoln County Courthouse, built in 1938, will be receiving a new HVAC system in July that will save energy and make the many city employees working at the facility more comfortable.

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